

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 15 and 19 being independent.

The abstract has been amended to better set forth the technical aspects of the invention. In addition, an editorial change has been made to the specification.

In the claims, independent Claims 1, 15 and 19, along with the dependent claims, have been amended to more clearly set forth Applicant's invention.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 15-22 are allowed. It is submitted that the changes to these claims do not alter their allowed status. In addition, Claims 4-10 were indicated as containing patentable subject matter. These claims remain in dependent form, however, as it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 is patentable in its own right for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over Applicant's admitted prior art Figure 31 in view of JP '144. In addition, Claims 11-14 stand rejected as allegedly being obvious over those citations and further in view of Sheridon '035. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicant's invention relates to an image display apparatus comprising an image display portion having a pair of substrates disposed opposite to each other and having a peripheral edge sealed in order to form a sealed gap, an insulating liquid and a plurality of coloring charged particles disposed in the sealed gap, and which controls positions of the coloring charged particles so as to display an image. The apparatus further comprises an electrode sheet disposed to be movable in a gap between the pair of substrates, and a wiring unit arranged opposite to an electrode surface of the electrode sheet and outside the image display

portion. As amended, Claim 1 also includes a unit for moving the electrode sheet and the wiring unit in a first direction substantially parallel to the substrates and in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found, for example, in Figure 6, and the accompanying specification on page 34, line 18, et. seq.

In accordance with Applicant's claimed invention, an image display apparatus with a movable sheet can provide a high quality image display.

Prior art Figure 31 shows a display apparatus and is relied upon in the Office Action for providing a pair of substrates disposed opposite to each other and having an insulating liquid and a plurality of color charges particles disposed in a sealed gap.

The secondary citation to JP '144 relates to a pen type input device and is said by the Office Action to teach a moving electrode sheet 12 moved between a substrate and a wiring unit opposite to an electrode sheet. In this input device, a fixed electrode sheet 13 is formed on the surface of a transparent electrode 7 and adjacent to the movable electrode sheet 12. As shown in the figure, an input pen provides handwritten coordinate inputs to an LCD screen. As understood, the input pen will flex the movable electrode in a single direction which is perpendicular to a parallel direction of the electrode sheets 12 and 13.

In contrast to Applicant's claimed invention, therefore, JP '144 does not move the electrode sheet in first and second directions as set forth in Claim 1. Therefore, even assuming, arguendo, the art could have been combined in the manner proposed in the Office Action, such a combination still fails to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-3, under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

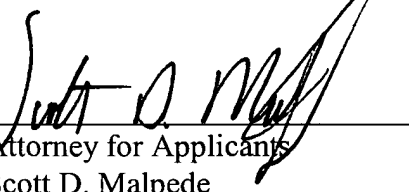
The tertiary citation to Sheridon was cited for teaching a flexible image display. This patent fails, however, to compensate for the deficiencies in the proposed combination of art as discussed above. Therefore, without conceding the propriety of combining prior art Figure 31, JP '144 and Sheridon in the manner proposed in the Office Action, such a combination still fails to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 15 and 19 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-14, 16-18 and 20-22 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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